

Domestic Violence Training: A Coordinated Effort

Hispanic Cultural Center

Nampa, Idaho

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

AGENDA

8:00-8:30 am SIGN IN

8:30-8:45 am

WELCOME

Honorable Jerold W. Lee, Canyon County Domestic Violence Court Judge

8:45-10:15 am

Harm Reduction Risk Management Model

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Gwen Wilkinson, Tompkins County District Attorney;

Center for Court Innovation, New York

Engaging the victim in the criminal justice system can be challenging to victim advocates, prosecutors and judges. What are the safety concerns of victims and what can judges, advocates, and prosecutors do to improve safety for victims while holding offenders accountable? This workshop will highlight the Harm Reduction Risk Management Model as a way to understand and respond to complexities behind why victims may have difficulty fully participating in a criminal prosecution of case, increase understanding of how to safely engage victims in the process, and how to use community based advocates to provide safety and support.

10:15-10:30 am BREAK

10:30-12:00 pm

Understanding the Context of Violence: Battered Women Defendants

Rebecca Thomforde Hauser, Associate Director, Domestic Violence Programs;

Gwen Wilkinson, Tompkins County District Attorney;

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This workshop will provide an introduction to battered women charged with domestic violence offenses. Through lecture, case scenarios, and interactive exercises, presenters will review how to identify victims of battering, including dispelling myths and misconceptions of battered women charged with crimes; examine women's use of violence to determine its context in the intimate partner; offer national best practice examples of how to improve the responses to battered women defendants.

12:00-1:30 pm LUNCH On Your Own

1:30-3:00 pm

Assessing for Primary Aggressor

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Responding to a domestic violence call can be dangerous and difficult for law enforcement. Who should be arrested? Who is the “real victim”? How can prosecutors and law enforcement better make the determination and keep victims safe and offenders accountable? This workshop will provide an overview of how to assess for primary aggressor and how to minimize dual arrests, and how to respond when the defendant has a history of trauma or domestic violence victimization and how to work with community criminal justice stakeholders to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

3:00-3:15 pm BREAK

3:15-4:45 pm

Enhancing Offender Accountability and Victim Safety: What is the Role of a Coordinated Community Response?

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One of the main goals of an enhanced criminal justice response to domestic violence is increased offender accountability and victim safety. Responding to domestic violence takes a coordinated effort in a community. This workshop will discuss how different community agencies and stakeholders can effectively work together to respond to domestic violence. Attendees will learn how to incorporate best practice into everyday practice by collaborating with colleagues, resulting in increased accountability and victim safety.

4:45-5:00 pm

Questions, Wrap up & Adjourn

Thank you for your participation.